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flow chambers of the reactor in order to maintain optimal half-cell reactions conditions at the electrodes and this requirement may imply the necessity of operating the bipolar electrochemical reactor at relatively high positive pressure.--

Please replace the last full paragraph at line 18, page 13 of the Specification with the following replacement paragraph:

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--Differently from the frame piece 1M of the membrane element, the frame piece 1E of the bipolar electrode element has, on the upper face keying pins 20 (Fig. 1) having a circular cross section of a diameter appropriate to fit into the circular sockets 11 present on the underside of the frame piece 1M of a membrane element. As visible in the upturned view of Fig. 3, on the upper side of the molded frame piece 1E of the bipolar electrode element (Fig. 1), there are sockets 21 with an oblong cross section suitable to accommodate the keying pins 10 present on the upper side of the molded frame piece 1M of the membrane element.--

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claim 7 without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter contained therein.